Sale of kidneys by Tribal*

2039. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that starving tribals of certain districts like Idukki are selling kidneys to make a living;

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected in last one year; and

(c) the action proposed to provide alternate employment to poor tribals for their sustenance?

THE MINISTER OFTRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a)The Government of Kerala have informed the Ministry that there are no instances reported from the State where tribals have sold their kidneys because of starvation. Four cases of kidney sale by tribals from Idukki District have come to the notice of State Government the reason behind the sale, as established by enquiry being not the starvation but for making money for other purposes.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Educational facilities for Buksa and RajiTribal Girls in Uttaranchal

†2040. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Staned Question 208 given in the Rajya Sabha on 6th August, 2001 and state:

(a) the details of educational facilities to be provided to the girls of the Buksa and Raji tribes; and

(b) whether any schoornas been started at Udham Singh Nagar for them?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUALORAM): (a) A Scheme of setting up Educational Complexes in low literacy pockets to provide educational facilities to tribal girls including Buksas and Rajis (Primitive Tribal Groups) in Uttaranchal, has been in operation since 1993-94. Under the Scheme, 100% grants are released to the institutions or organizations set up by State Government as autonomous bodies;

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